

REMARKS

I. Introduction.

Claims 1-3 and 7-11 are pending. Claims 4-6 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-3, 7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). Claims 8 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 8 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 12 - 19 have been added.

II. The 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) Rejection.

Claims 1-3, 7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,704,065 issued to Feuerhake in view of U.S. Patent 5,373,712 issued to Yamamoto, et al.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. The combination of references does not render obvious a sports glove of Claim 1 comprising: a body portion comprising a front portion that fits adjacent to a wearer's palm, a back portion that fits adjacent to the back of a wearer's hand, a portion of said front and back portions being joined to each other, and four finger portions and a thumb portion projecting from said front and back portions; and a fastening system comprising: a hook material having two sides and comprising a plurality of hooks extending outwardly on one side of said hook material; and a complementary loop material having two sides and comprising a plurality of loops extending outwardly on one side of said loop material, wherein said hook material is joined to a portion of said body portion and said loop material is joined to another portion of said body portion, wherein said hook material and said loop material comprise components of said fastening system which can be at least partially overlapped to close said fastening system, and at least one of said hook material and said loop material has at least three apertures therein, wherein at least some of said apertures are also formed in at least a portion of said body portion and are substantially coterminous with at least some of said apertures in at least one of said hook material and said loop material so that at least a portion of said fastening system is breathable, wherein said components of said fastening system have a transverse direction that is oriented perpendicular to the finger portions of the glove, and said

at least three apertures are disposed in a spaced apart arrangement relative to each other in the transverse direction.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to make the same depend directly or indirectly from Claim 8.

III. Claims 8 and 11.

Claims 8 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form, and should now be in condition for allowance.

IV. The Information Disclosure Statements.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 12, 2004, April 30, 2004, and June 29, 2004, along with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is being filed herewith, and indicate that these references have been considered in the next Office Action.

V. Summary.

The rejections have been addressed. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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